

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings****Section 2-309(h)****Annotated Code of Maryland**

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:**

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2-309.

(h) (1) (I) The Sheriff of Carroll County shall receive [a] AN ANNUAL salary [of \$45,000 a year] AS FOLLOWS:

1. \$50,000 BEGINNING DECEMBER 3, 2002;
2. \$55,000 BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2003;
3. \$60,000 BEGINNING DECEMBER 6, 2004; AND
4. \$65,000 BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2005 AND THEREAFTER.

(II) The Sheriff may employ the number of personnel necessary for the proper execution of the duties of office. Personnel shall receive the compensation set by the County Commissioners.

(2) Personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be placed on a probationary status for the first 18 months of employment, and may be dismissed by the Sheriff for any reason. After 18 months of continuous employment, personnel may only be disciplined or dismissed for just cause:

(i) In accordance with the Law-Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights, if the employee's rights are covered under this bill of rights; or

(ii) In accordance with the personnel rules and regulations of the Carroll County Sheriff's office, if the employee's rights are not covered under the Law-Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

(3) Except for an appeal taken pursuant to the Law-Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights, an appeal by an aggrieved party shall be taken to the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

(4) The Sheriff may also appoint a chief deputy and a warden who shall serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Carroll County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Carroll County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.**